

Questions Raised by Councillor O'Connell

RE: R. v Brenner

1. Who were the City of Pickering 'public officials' (as described by the Judge) who brought these charges forward to the DRPS? In the testimony given it was stated that our Treasurer, Mr. Paterson was satisfied in 2003, 2006 and still today that the work had been done and the money was paid for such work. Also stated was that it was not the CAO Tom Quinn who brought forward these charges, therefore if not the CAO or the City's Treasurer than who brought forward these allegations of fraud and requested charges be laid?
2. Before these claims were brought to DRPS to lay charges was Council consulted? If so what direction was given and I would like to see the meeting minutes when this item was discussed?
3. How did the "reporter" named by the judge and witnesses get hold of copies of the Councillor's expense files, files that would normally not be given to a member of the public? What action was taken to investigate how the reporter received such information and what action has been taken to ensure that the City's records are safe and to ensure that private files are not copied in the future? Can we assure the public that their private information is secure?
4. Who was the Councillor who was referred to as being the one who in 1999 asked for copies of each members claimed expenses, in 2001 requested to see each Councillor's Outside Agency expenses, and in 2001 and 2004 raised questions concerning the Council Outside Agency budget during the Audit Committee meetings?
5. How much money has been spent by the City of Pickering bringing these charges forward? How many City of Pickering staff hours have been spent on this matter over the years?